



South Carolina Department of Agriculture's 5th Annual Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off

Dear BBQ Enthusiasts,

We are looking forward to the 5th annual Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off, March 18-19, 2016 at the State Farmers Market. This event is sanctioned by the Southern BBQ Network (SBN) and has been named the SC State Championship BBQ Cook-off by Governor Nikki Haley. **Please note reminders for 2016 cook-off.** 1) We will not be hosting the *Anything Butt* competition; therefore, we will not have a public event on Friday evening. 2) Saturday's event is a festival and attendees will pay \$5 per person to enjoy a variety of food options and entertainment. 3) BBQ samples will be given out while supplies last in 2 oz. soufflé cups. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at eshuler@scda.sc.gov or 803-917-4950.

Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off 2016 will have the following Categories:

"Boston Butts" winning trophies and cash awards of \$1900

First place - \$1000

Second place - \$600

Third place - \$300

"Pork Ribs" winning trophies and cash awards of \$1900

First place - \$1000

Second place - \$600

Third place - \$300

Cookers competing in butts & ribs are eligible to be awarded as

Grand Champion \$600

Reserve Champion \$300

"People's Choice" winning a trophy

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Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off Cook Team Application

South Carolina State Farmers Market
March 18-19, 2016
Open to the public on Saturday 11a.m. – 3 p.m.

Entry fee is \$150 (nonrefundable) and includes all categories. **All completed applications and payments are due prior to March 4, 2016. Make checks payable to the SC Department of Agriculture and mail to Elizabeth Shuler, PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211.** Spaces are approximately 12'x 24' under the sheds (if you need more space, please note below). Space assignments will be given at setup on Friday, March 18, 2016, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Takedown is permitted after the Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2016, leave spaces clean. Any photographs taken of your team on-site is the property of SCDA and may be used for promotional purposes. SCDA is not responsible for loss or damage to any person, equipment or property. All DHEC rules and guidelines apply.

Cook Team Name _____

Head Cook _____

Assistant Cooks (limit 4; additional help will have to pay \$5 entrance fee):

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email _____

Size of Cooker Rig _____ Special Needs _____

Water? Yes _____ No _____ Electricity? (220v 20 amps MAX) Yes _____ No _____

I have received and read '*Competition Rules and Regulations*' and will abide by them.

Head Cook Signature

Date



Competition Rules and Regulations Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off

1. Head cooks are required to attend the cooks meeting at 4 p.m. Friday, March 18
2. Boston Butts:
 - a. Each cook team will be given 6-8 butts on Friday afternoon (approximately 70 lbs of meat)
 - b. All meat used for judging must be cooked on site
 - c. Meat may be prepared on any type of cooker and cooked in any fashion you prefer as long as it is suitable for public consumption
 - d. Cook teams are responsible for refrigeration of meat before it is cooked
 - e. Holding temperature must be 40 degrees or less
 - f. All cooked meat must be maintained at a minimum temperature of 150 degrees
 - g. All BBQ meat will be served by the cook teams as samples starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday
 - h. Forks, napkins, and soufflé cups will be provided.
 - i. Teams are to serve samples from tents that must have weights attached to each leg
 - j. Foam containers will be provided for judging
 - k. Turn in will be Saturday at 10 a.m.
3. Pork Ribs:
 - a. Teams will furnish their own ribs (any style acceptable), unopened package for inspection for blind judging.
 - b. Only teams who compete in ribs and butts are eligible for Grand Champion (SC State Champion) and Reserve Champion awards
 - c. All rules above (butts) apply on temperature and DHEC
 - d. Ribs turn-in will be Saturday at 11 a.m.
4. Team Behavior:
 - a. The Head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests
 - b. Teams must serve **all** prepared meat provided by the SC Department of Agriculture as samples to the public. (after judge turn in) **Failure to do so will immediately disqualify your team from the competition.**
 - c. Teams are responsible for keeping their area clean and free of trash
 - d. Grease and ashes need to be disposed in the proper designated containers
 - e. NO live animals are allowed on the market before, during, or after the event
 - f. Teams must have the following: hand washing station, soap, paper towels, bucket for disposal water, probe thermometer and fire extinguisher
 - g. Food prep and serving must be done under tents. All tents that cover or are close to cooking grills must be NFPA 701 flame retardant tents
 - h. All vehicles will be parked in designated cookers parking area by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. **Vehicles not parked in cookers/vendors parking area will be towed at owner's expense.** Only cooking/serving vehicles can be under the shed and they must be clean and free of dirt and/or grease
 - i. Quiet hours must be maintained from 11 p.m. Friday – 6 a.m. Saturday. (the farmers shed is next to a residential neighborhood).
 - j. Under no circumstances are teams to distribute alcoholic beverages to the public

Any questions, please contact event coordinator Elizabeth Shuler at eshuler@scda.sc.gov.

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The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education.

Harvest Hope is a community organization providing relief from hunger throughout 20 counties in South Carolina. Churches, businesses, school groups and civic organizations come together to connect with their communities through Harvest Hope and join our mission to put food on the tables of those who suffer from hunger.

One in four children under the age of five goes to bed hungry every night in South Carolina. With the help of community partners like the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, Harvest Hope works to make sure no child goes to bed hungry and no parent loses sleep worrying how to feed their family.

Harvest Hope is the safety net for your neighbors in their time of need. They are your Hope for the means to eliminate the pain and uncertainty of hunger for so many in our state. For more information about Harvest Hope's mission to feed the hungry in South Carolina, visit harvesthope.org.

